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Subj: LCDR MICHAEL G. HOFF ATTACK AVIATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

1. Origin and purpose. The LCDR Michael G. Hoff Attack Aviator of the Year Award focuses attention on the carrier attack aviation community and accords recognition to an outstanding pilot or NFO for exceptional proficiency, professionalism and contribution to the tactical carrier based attack aircraft mission of the U.S. Navy. The award, sponsored by the Defense Systems and Electronics Group of Texas Instruments Incorporated, was established in 1987 in honor of LCDR Michael G. Hoff, USN. LCDR Hoff, assigned to Attack Squadron (ATKRON) 86, was listed as missing in action in 1970 after failing to return from a combat mission flown from USS CORAL SEA (CV 43) over Southeast Asia.

2. Cancellation. COMNAVAIRPACINST 1650.11/COMNAVAIRLANT 1650.4

3. Description of Award

a. The award will be presented for each calendar year. Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMNAVAIRPAC) and Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (COMNAVAIRLANT) each select an awardee.

b. The recipients receive a Type Commander Certificate of Recognition and an engraved trophy presented annually by Texas Instruments.

4. Eligibility for the award. Any strike/strike fighter aircrew in the grade of Commander (O-5 equivalent), or below, is eligible for the award.

5. Selection criteria. Other established awards recognize aviator valor and heroism; thus, this award highlights operational contributions. Selection is based on exemplary accomplishment or demonstrated proficiency of the highest order in the following areas:

a. Notable involvement in weapons employment, tactics development and strike fighter/attack community affairs.

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- b. Significant contribution to increased unit combat readiness.
- c. Demonstrated outstanding flying proficiency and professionalism while employing tailhook strike fighter/attack aircraft.
- d. Excellence in competitive exercises, weapons delivery scores and carrier landing grades.
- e. Exceptionally outstanding character and conduct, and display of high leadership qualities.

6. Procedures

a. Carrier Air Wing Commanders. As this award is intended to focus on tailhook attack aviation, Carrier Air Wing Commanders (CAGs) will be the only nominators, each CAG will have one nomination. Nomination packages should include an OPNAV 1650/3 (Personal Award Recommendation), an unclassified one-page summary of the nominee's actions and accomplishments and a proposed citation. Forward the nomination to COMNAVAIRPAC or COMNAVAIRLANT as appropriate for their receipt not later than 15 January each year. Endorsements by Battle Group Commanders are encouraged, endorsements from other than Battle Group Commanders are neither required nor desired.

b. Type Commanders. Each Type Commander will select a representative fleet winner by 15 February of each year and prepare the certification of recognition. Once the awardees are announced arrangements for presentation of the award will be directed by separate correspondence.

  
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